

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Horton

Group Art Unit: 2862

Application No: 10/007,534

Examiner: G. Strecker

Filed: 11/09/2001

Paper No. 2

For: **PORTAL-BASED APPLICANCES AND STORAGE AREAS FOR
CONNECTION TO FIBER OPTIC TRANSMISSION LINES**

AMENDMENT RESPONDING TO 21 MAY 2003 OFFICE ACTION IN U.S.**APPLICATION NO. 10/007,534**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the May 21, 2003, Office Action in the above-identified application, please consider the following statements and amendments supporting allowance of the claimed subject matter, which amendments applicant asserts do not add new matter:

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Figure 1 was amended to include reference indicia 12 as required by the examiner.

Figure 2 was added to show a close-up view of components in Figure 1 as requested by the examiner, in particular, the portal optics components and fastening means are shown.

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